

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Canceled).

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The holding device of claim 1, ~~characterized in that the 7, wherein said means (5, 5a, 5b) for releasably applying pressure is engineered as~~ removably pressing comprises a bent component (5a) pretensioned towards the processing head.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The holding device of claim 2, ~~characterized in that wherein the bent component (5a) consists of comprises~~ wire, especially spring steel wire.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The holding device of claim 1, ~~characterized in that the 7, wherein said means (5, 5a, 5b) for releasably applying pressure is engineered as~~ removably pressing comprises a pressing member (5b) pretensioned towards the processing head (6) by a spring (7).

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The holding device of claim 1, ~~characterized in that the 7, wherein said means (5, 5a, 5b) for releasably applying pressure to at least a part of the object (8)~~

~~to be processed~~ removably pressing is located preferably on the an upper side of the holding device.

Claim 6 (Canceled).

Claim 7 (New): A holding device for an article to be processed comprising:

(a) an actuating lever;

(b) means for removably pressing at least a part of the article to be processed against a processing head connectable with the holding device, said means being removable from a contact position via said actuation lever;

(c) a first hand grip for one hand of an operator; and

(d) a second hand grip for another hand of the operator; wherein the processing head is part of a device for the removal or setting of eyelets and for punching holes in the article, and the article is a tarpaulin provided with or to be provided with eyelets.

Claim 8 (New): The holding device of claim 7 wherein said actuating lever is within reach of said second hand grip.

Claim 9 (New): The holding device of claim 3 wherein said bent component comprises spring steel wire.